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#### Dear Friends:

Agriculture continues to be a vital component of the New York State economy as well as a major contributor to the quality of life for all New Yorkers. The Department of Agriculture and Markets takes pride in its service to the farm sector.

This publication provides valuable information to anyone interested in following the progress of farming and related industries in New York. The facts presented here are essential in demonstrating trends and changes to one of our State's major industries. These data help agri-businesses and farmers make decisions that improve their businesses along with the general health of agriculture for New York. This report also helps the public understand the presence of agriculture in their lives.

I offer my sincere thanks to all New York farm families and businesses who voluntarily provided the essential data that went into the estimates in this publication. Without your cooperation, none of this information would be available. I also wish to thank the staff of the New York Agricultural Statistics Service for their hard work and dedication in bringing this publication to you.

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Rudgers Commissioner

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